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CLAIMS

5 1. Device for protecting skin of a leg against irritation from contact with an irritable snug fit surface fitted around the leg adjacent to the skin, such as a surface of footwear extending towards the skin of the leg, comprising:

10 - a body with an underside and an upper side for placing round at least a forward part, comprising the skin to be protected from irritation, of a leg above the foot as seen in vertical direction,

15 - wherein the body comprises material with elastic properties,

 - wherein the body at least partially encloses the leg as seen in horizontal direction, and

20 - wherein the protective part of the body, which in use is adjacent to the skin to be protected, that extends between the skin and the irritable surface only consists of the elastic material.

25 2. Device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a substantial part of the body, after being placed round a leg, wholly encloses the leg in horizontal direction.

 3. Device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the underside of the body is provided with a recess for placing on the front side of a leg.

30 4. Device as claimed in one or more of the foregoing claims, comprising at least one support member for supporting a part of the leg adjacent to the member after placing round a leg.

 5. Device as claimed in claim 4, comprising two support members on the inner side of the body, which are

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arranged substantially on either side of the front side of the body.

6. Device as claimed in claim 4 or 5, wherein the support members comprise the same materials as the body.

5 7. Device as claimed in one or more of the foregoing claims, wherein the thickness of the body or the support members is variable.

8. Device as claimed in one or more of the foregoing claims, wherein the dimensioning is chosen such that the 10 device fits closely around a leg.

9. Device as claimed in one or more of the foregoing claims, wherein the body and/or the support members comprise a plastic.

10. Device as claimed in one or more of the foregoing 15 claims, wherein the body and/or the support members comprise neoprene.

11. Device as claimed in one or more of the claims 1-9, wherein the body and/or the support members comprise foam or memory foam.

20 12. Device as claimed in one or more of the claims 1-8, wherein the body and/or the support members comprise rubber or latex.

13. Device as claimed in one or more of the foregoing 25 claims, further comprising fastening means for fastening the body round a leg.

14. Device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the fastening means comprises a hook and loop fastening such as velcro tape.

15. Device as claimed in one or more of the claims 30 1-12, wherein the body is fastened in substantially cylindrical or conical form along a substantially vertical seam.

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16. Device as claimed in one or more of the foregoing claims, comprising markings for removing at least a part of the body therealong.

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